



MEASURE Demographic Health Survey (DHS)

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Overview

MEASURE DHS is USAID's Bureau of Global Health's primary source of nationally representative and cross-nationally comparable demographic and health survey data. As such, it addresses host countries' emerging needs for data to guide policies and programs. The range of surveys available under this project include 1) the standard national DHS, which is conducted at intervals of four-to-five years; 2) AIDS Indicators Survey, which provides indicators used for monitoring and evaluating HIV/AIDS programs; 3) Malaria Indicator Survey, which collects data used for monitoring the performance of malaria programs; and 4) Service Provision Assessment, a facility-based survey that collects data on the cost, availability, functioning, and quality of various health services.

Since 1994, MEASURE DHS has conducted four standard DHS surveys in Haiti. The next DHS survey is tentatively planned for December 2012.

Objectives

MEASURE DHS aims to improve the collection, analysis, and presentation of data and promote better use in planning, policymaking, managing, monitoring, and evaluating population, health, and nutrition programs. The project seeks to increase understanding of a wide range of health issues by improving the quality and availability of data on health status and services and enhancing the ability of local organizations to collect, analyze, and disseminate such information.

Activities

The standard national DHS surveys in Haiti have included HIV and anemia testing, as well as questions regarding alcohol use, abortion, HIV behavior and knowledge, Vitamin A, domestic violence, maternal mortality, birth registration, tuberculosis, and service availability.

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